

29 January 2020		ITEM: 14
Council		
Corporate Parenting Committee Annual Report 2018/2019		
Wards and communities affected: All	Key Decision: Non-Key	
Report of: Corporate Parenting Committee		
Accountable Assistant Director: Shelia Murphy, Assistant Director of Children's Services		
Accountable Director: Roger Harris Corporate Director for Adults, Housing and Health and Interim Director for Children's Services		
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Executive Summary

This report introduces the Corporate Parenting Annual Report which following being presented to the Corporate Parenting Committee, was recommended it should be presented to the Council.

1. Recommendation(s)

1.1 That the contents of the Corporate Parenting Annual Report 2018/2019 be noted.

2. Introduction and Background

2.1 Each year Members are invited to a variety of training sessions, to assist them with their roles sitting on Committees. Following the Corporate Parenting Training held Wednesday 17 July 2019, it was requested that an Annual Report be produced detailing the work of Committee and their main achievements for that municipal year. The report is designed to inform residents of this work in an accessible and engaging format.

2.2 The last municipal year has seen the Corporate Parenting Committee tackle a wide range of topics, with Members leading on issues that have come to the fore both through their own research but also by understanding the issues that have arisen in the community.

3. Issues, Options and Analysis of Options

- 3.1 It is hoped that the format of the Annual Report will highlight to residents and Members how the Corporate Parenting Committee have picked relevant community issues and how Members undertook work to form recommendations that positively affected these issues.
- 3.2 The report will be published on the Council's website and key community groups and participants from last year's work will be made aware of its publication directly.

4. Reasons for Recommendation

- 4.1 The report outlines the positive work that has been undertaken during 2018/2019 and will be referred to Council for review in order for Members to comment on the overall work of the Corporate Parenting Committee.

5. Consultation (including Overview and Scrutiny, if applicable)

- 5.1 The Chair of the Corporate Parenting Committee has been consulted on the contents of the report.

6. Impact on corporate policies, priorities, performance and community impact

- 6.1 The positive impact of the work of the Corporate Parenting committee for 2018/2019, in driving forward issues in relation to looked after children and care leavers to ensure Members are fully involved and engaged in their Corporate Parenting responsibilities.

7. Implications

7.1 Financial

Implications verified by: **David May**
Strategic Lead Finance

There are no direct financial implications arising out of this report.

7.2 Legal

Implications verified by: **Lindsey Marks**
Deputy Head of Legal Social Care and Education

There are no direct legal implications arising from this report but it is good practice to produce an annual report reviewing the work of the Corporate Parenting Committee.

7.3 **Diversity and Equality**

Implications verified by: **Natalie Warren**
Strategic Lead Community Development and Equalities

The Corporate Parenting Committee recognises the importance and role of diversity and equality issues. All work in 2018/19 sought to include looked after children and care leavers as appropriate.

7.4 **Other implications** (where significant) – i.e. Staff, Health, Sustainability, Crime and Disorder, or Impact on Looked After Children)

None.

8. **Background papers used in preparing the report** (including their location on the Council's website or identification whether any are exempt or protected by copyright):

- Agenda, Reports and Minutes of meetings of the Corporate Parenting Committee are available from:

<http://democracy.thurrock.gov.uk/thurrock/>

9. **Appendices to the report**

- Appendix 1: Corporate Parenting Annual Report 2018/19

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